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MINERALS

February 22, 2001

Carl Disel
WDEQ-Air Quality Division
250 Lincoln St.
Lander, WY 82520



RE: Permit waiver request AQD #80

Dear Carl:

Solvay Minerals requests a permit waiver to temporarily operate the "D" train Calciner #4 (AQD #80) at a production rate higher than the existing permit limit. If it is determined that the unit can be operated above the 275 ton per hour (tph) limit, it will be stack tested at that higher rate during the compliance stack testing scheduled to begin Wednesday, February 28, 2001. However, regardless of the ability to run at a higher rate, compliance testing will also be done at (or within 90 percent) of the permitted production rate.

As you know, this new unit has only operated for a few weeks during the past month. We are uncertain as to its potential capacity, although the design is 275 tph. If a higher production rate is achieved, and stack tests show emission rates within the current limits, Solvay Minerals will request a permit waiver to operate at the higher rate.

I appreciate your timely response to this request. We ask that the temporary waiver be for a time period starting immediately and ending after stack testing is complete. If you have any questions concerning this temporary permit waiver request, feel free to contact me at (307) 872-6571.

Sincerely,

Dolly A. Potter
Environmental Services Supervisor

cc: Dan Olson